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1. IN ITS SUNDAY EDITION, JULY 9, THE NEWSPAPER POLITIKEN  
REPORTED THAT ENGLAND PREPARED TO TAKE USED DANISH ATOMIC FUEL"  
AND THAT SUCH AN AGREEMENT "CAN CREATE PROBLEMS WITH THE  
U.S.".

2. THE PAPER QUOTED "SOURCES IN THE ENGLISH ENERGY  
MINISTRY" AS SAYING THAT DANISH TRADE MINISTER IVAR NOR-  
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GAARD HAS ASKED IF ENGLAND COULD HELP DENMARK WITH USED  
RADIOACTIVE MATERIAL AND THAT ELEX EADIE, U.K.  
DEPUTY MINISTER FOR ENERGY, RECENTLY A VISITOR TO  
COPENHAGEN, HAD ANSWERED POSITIVELY. POLITKEN  
SAID THAT TALKS WOULD BEGIN WITHIN A WEEK OR TWO  
PARTLY BETWEEN CIVIL SERVANTS OF THE TWO COUNTRIES  
AND PARTLY BETWEEN DANISH ELECTRIC COMPANIES THAT

WILL BUILD ATOMIC PLANTS AND THE STATE COMPANY IN ENGLAND THAT OWNS WIDNSCALE.

3. THE ARTICLE STATES THAT SUCH AN AGREEMENT WITH ENGLAND WOULD BRING DENMARK INTO CONFLICT WITH THE U.S., "WHERE PRESIDENT CARTER HAS OPPOSED REPROCESSING INASMUCH AS IT PRODUCES PLUTONIUM WHICH IS USEABLE IN ATOMIC BOMBS."

4. COMMENT: DEPUTY UNDER SECRETARY OLE BECH OF THE FOREIGN MINISTRY HAS INFORMED US THAT THE POLITIKEN STORY IS MISLEADING. HE CONFIRMED THAT DANISH OFFICIALS WILL HOLD TALKS IN THE U.K. NEXT WEEK ON THE SUBJECT OF ATOMIC WASTE DISPOSAL BUT STATED THAT NO AGREEMENT IS IMMINENT. THE TALKS ARE MERELY ONE OF SERIES, HE SAID, WHICH DENMARK HAS HAD WITH THE U.S., GERMANY, AND OTHERS ON THE SUBJECT.  
(AS WASHINGTON WILL RECALL - SEE REFTELS - THE DANES FEEL THEY MUST SOLVE THE NUCLEAR WASTE PROBLEM BEFORE THEY CAN WIN POPULAR ACCEPTANCE OF ATOMIC POWER PLANTS IN DENMARK.) BECH DID NOT KNOW WHO THE SOURCES WERE FOR THE POLITIKEN ARTICLE BUT SPECULATED THAT THEY MIGHT BE U.K. INDUSTRIAL INTERESTS THAT WANT TO SELL DENMARK ATOMIC ENERGY PLANTS.

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